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For: PAPER CONTAINER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 21, 2004

Sir:

Further to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination on May 13, 2004, and further in answer to the Advisory Action of April 27, 2004, Applicants are now submitting a Preliminary Amendment to clarify the record.

The present Preliminary Amendment includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.



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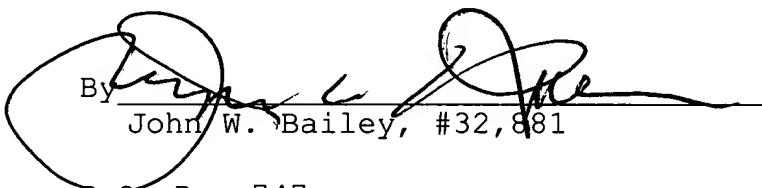
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Respectfully submitted,

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